

Rebates available for non-electric water heaters, furnaces, and boilers

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MEDIA, PA — The opening of the Cash for Appliances program will allow Pennsylvanians to receive rebates of up to \$500 for the purchase of new ENERGY STAR qualifying non-electric water heaters, furnaces, and boilers. These rebates are being funded with \$300 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which Congressman Sestak voted for last year. The ENERGY STAR program is a joint project between the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy which looks to provide information on how to save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

“Decreasing our energy consumption through energy efficiency is one of the most critical steps we can take in establishing our economic and environmental security,” said Congressman Sestak. “As Pennsylvanians continue to manage their budgets during this historic economic recession, the Cash for Appliances program can provide assistance to households who need to upgrade old and inefficient equipment but might not have been able to otherwise afford it.”

The Cash for Appliances program is being managed by the Pennsylvania Department of

Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and applies only to equipment purchased after April 21, 2010. In order to learn more about the specifics of the program, visit the Pennsylvania Cash for Appliances website, www.paheatingrebates.com , or call 1-877-592-2061. Note that the rebate program will run for a limited time only and will end when funds run out.

“An efficiently managed Cash for Appliances program will benefit American citizens and local businesses as well as taking us one step closer to a more secure and sustainable economy,” said Congressman Sestak.

More Information:

The Cash for Appliances program can also be leveraged with other Act 129 [a law passed by the Pennsylvania State Legislature] rebates. Please contact your electric company about what other appliance rebates may be available through their programs for clothes washers, refrigerators, and dishwashers, as well as electric water heaters and HVAC equipment.

If you are a PECO customer, more information about PECO's Act 129 equipment rebates, appliance recycling, and home energy audits can be found by calling -888-5-PECO-SAVE (1-888-573-2672) or by visiting the PECO Smart ideas webpage: www.pecosmartideas.com .

If you purchase an energy-efficient product or renewable energy system for your principal residence, you may also be eligible for a federal tax credit for 30% of cost up to \$1,500. Please note that as of this date, these tax credits are set to expire on December 31, 2010. For more information, please visit the ENERGY STAR website at www.energystar.gov/taxcredits.

Also available on the ENERGY STAR website is an energy efficient rebate locator. Visit www.energystar.gov and click on "ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program" to access this search database which provides additional information about rebates that may currently be available through a zip code search.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.

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